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MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director (Research)

SUBJECT : NPIC Exploitation of [REDACTED] 25X1C

REFERENCE : a. Cable from [REDACTED] Dated 30 March 1963 [REDACTED] 5097)

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b. Cable from [REDACTED] Dated 30 March 1963 [REDACTED] 5096)

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1. As you will see from the references, we took immediate and positive action on Saturday last to back up your request to move ahead rapidly on the processing and exploitation of the two [REDACTED] U-2 missions. In view of this, I was somewhat disturbed 2 April to learn from [REDACTED] Executive Officer, NPIC, that we very nearly lost considerable time on the readout of [REDACTED] because of instructions given NPIC by Mr. Huntington Sheldon, A-DD/I, during a visit to NPIC 1 April.

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2. The material from [REDACTED] was due to arrive at NPIC the evening of 1 April, and they had planned to put a night shift on to begin exploitation as soon as possible after its delivery. In the course of mentioning this fact to Mr. Sheldon, [REDACTED] states that it was Mr. Sheldon's view that since [REDACTED] had to be considered by ONE "as a package" (this is in connection with the [REDACTED], there was really no urgency in getting ahead with [REDACTED] came to town. On the basis of this instruction, NPIC did not work on [REDACTED] until 0800 2 April. Since the material was delivered to NPIC at 2330 31 March, only 8.5 hours were lost in this exercise, but I do feel concerned over the fact that Mr. Sheldon was interpreting what we understood to be a crash requirement stemming from the Director in a different vein than your instructions to me of Saturday last.

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3. I was able to redirect [REDACTED] thinking on this matter in the course of our discussion in my office, and they are now planning to go continuously on both missions until they are completed; however, the night shift which was lost will result in almost an entire day's delay in the production of the IPIR [REDACTED]. I have no reason to believe that Mr. Sheldon had any obstructionist reason for rendering this opinion, but since DD/R and OSA were not consulted by him, it left us in a poor position to properly inform the Acting Director of the progress of the exploitation at the morning meeting 2 April.

[REDACTED]
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(Special Activities)

cc: SA-DD/R
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